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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Individuals who commit their lives to the education of the students of Illinois are worthy of the highest praise; and

WHEREAS, One such individual, Renee Payne, will be retiring from her position at Saint Cajetan School in Chicago after 19 years of service; she served six years as a teacher, three years as an assistant principal, and ten years as principal; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Payne brought the school into the new millennium with state-of-the-art technology, brought an After School Care Program to the school families, created a free standing science lab, and instituted computer generated programs for remediation and for enrichment; and

WHEREAS, She instituted the Discipline With Purpose Program as a curriculum based self-directed discipline program designed to help children develop the important skills of self-discipline; presided over numerous improvements to the school facilities and grounds; modernized the school library, creating a library/media center; and facilitated Saint Cajetan School's membership in the National Junior Honor Society, which allows students to develop leadership skills through service and academics; and

WHEREAS, For 19 years, Ms. Payne has made the business of education at St. Cajetan School her life's work; she has been steadfast in her dedication to the students, parents, and faculty she serves; she has honored the St. Cajetan School family with grace and good humor; her extraordinary capacity for giving of herself is a gift that will be most fully appreciated in its absence; and

1           WHEREAS, She is known for her happy, sunny personality and  
2           is approachable; she is recognized as a team builder and for  
3           her leadership; and

4           WHEREAS, She treated all of the children of St. Cajetan  
5           School as if they were her own and instilled those children  
6           with a solid foundation of morals and values that we can all be  
7           proud of; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10          we congratulate Renee Payne on the occasion of her retirement  
11          from her position at Saint Cajetan School in Chicago after 19  
12          years of service; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          presented to Ms. Payne as an expression of our esteem.